



Chapter 3: Existing Resources

3.0 Existing Parks and Recreation System

The first step in the development of the comprehensive plan was the identification of existing recreation, parks and open space resources within the Wenatchee planning area. This section provides an inventory and overview of Wenatchee's existing public and private developed parks, trails, and recreational facilities. Areas have been grouped into City of Wenatchee parks, facilities and program resources, followed by other public resources and finally private recreational resources available in the Wenatchee planning area.



3.1 Description of City Owned Facilities

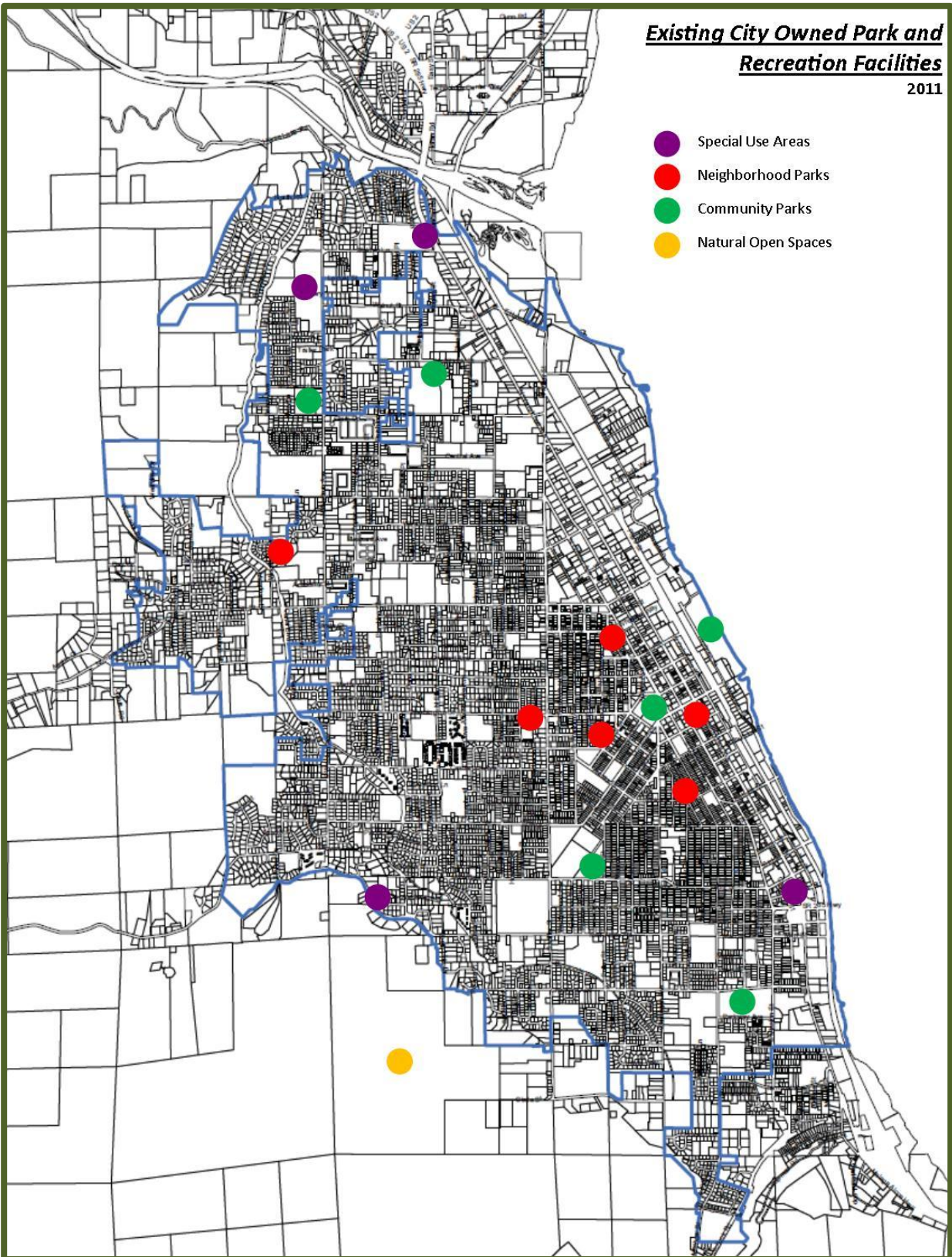
The City of Wenatchee owns and operates 15 public parks and recreation areas totaling 465.58 acres.

The most effective park system is composed of a variety of parks, each designed to provide a specific type of recreation experience or opportunity. When classified and used properly they are easier to maintain, satisfy needs, create less conflict between user groups, and have less impact on adjoining neighbors. Parks range in size and classification from small neighborhood parks to large natural open spaces. The following section contains detailed descriptions of the City owned parks and recreation facilities by classification type.

Table 3.1: Existing City Parks and Open Spaces Summary

PARK CLASSIFICATION TYPE	ACRES
Neighborhood Parks	12.30
Community Parks	76.99
Regional Parks	0.00
Natural Open Spaces	325.12
Special Use Areas	51.17
Total All Park Areas	465.58

Figure 3.1: Existing City Park and Recreation Facilities



3.1.1 Neighborhood Parks

Ideally, neighborhood parks are distributed equally throughout the community to serve citizens close to home. They are small in size and used for non-supervised or organized neighborhood recreational activities. Park guests should not be required to cross major arterials to access a neighborhood park. Typically a neighborhood park accommodates a variety of activities including children's playground, seasonal wading pools, picnicking, open grass for passive use, outdoor basketball courts and can include multi-use sports fields for soccer and youth baseball.

Table 3.1.1: Neighborhood Parks

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	ACRES
Centennial Park	0.40
Chase Park	0.52
Methow Park	1.26
Pennsylvania Park	1.02
Washington Park	4.10
Western Hills Park	5.00
Total Neighborhood Parks	12.30

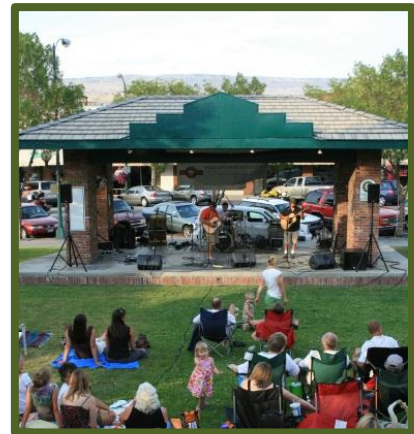
The following are descriptions of City of Wenatchee owned Neighborhood Parks. Additional information may be found in the Capital Investment Plan worksheet section of this plan.

Centennial Park

Location: 130 South Wenatchee Avenue

Size: 0.40 Acres

Site Description: A partnership between the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Chelan County and the City led to the development the park space. The Wenatchee Downtown Association later added restrooms through a community fundraising campaign. The Wenatchee area Rotary Clubs added the stage.



Existing Facilities: Existing facilities include a restroom, stage, grass "amphitheater" and an area which displays various pieces of public art.

Chase Park

Location: 145 South Delaware Street

Size: 0.52 acres

Site Description: In 1909, Mable Chase donated her former home site for the .52 acre park. The park is generally flat and located on a triangular shaped parcel.

Existing Facilities: Existing facilities include a children's play area and an open grassy area.



Methow Park

Location: 420 Methow Street

Size: 1.26 acres

Site Description: The park has been the beneficiary of multi-year renovations through community projects of the Wenatchee Kiwanis. The club has provided new lighting, playground, and fencing, upgraded the basketball court, and installed a micro-soccer field and picnic shelter. The play equipment was replaced in 2009 through the receipt of a CDBG Grant.



Existing Facilities: Existing facilities include: Children's play equipment, seasonal wading pool, basketball court, U-6 soccer field, picnic shelter and shade trees.

Pennsylvania Park

Location: 219 Pennsylvania Avenue

Size: 1.02 acres

Site Description: Pennsylvania Park was acquired in 1924. It is a long, narrow rectangular parcel. The park is generally flat.

Existing Facilities: The park contains a seasonal wading pool, restrooms, play area and multi-use field. The play equipment was replaced in 2009 through the receipt of a CDBG grant.



Washington Park

Location: 110 South Miller Street

Size: 4.10 acres

Site Description: Washington Park was acquired in 1946. The park is a popular destination for picnicking and is a host site for the Summer Park Wading Pool Program.

Existing Facilities: The park features a seasonal wading pool, restrooms, play area, picnic shelter, open field and shade trees.



Western Hills Park

Location: 900 Woodward Drive

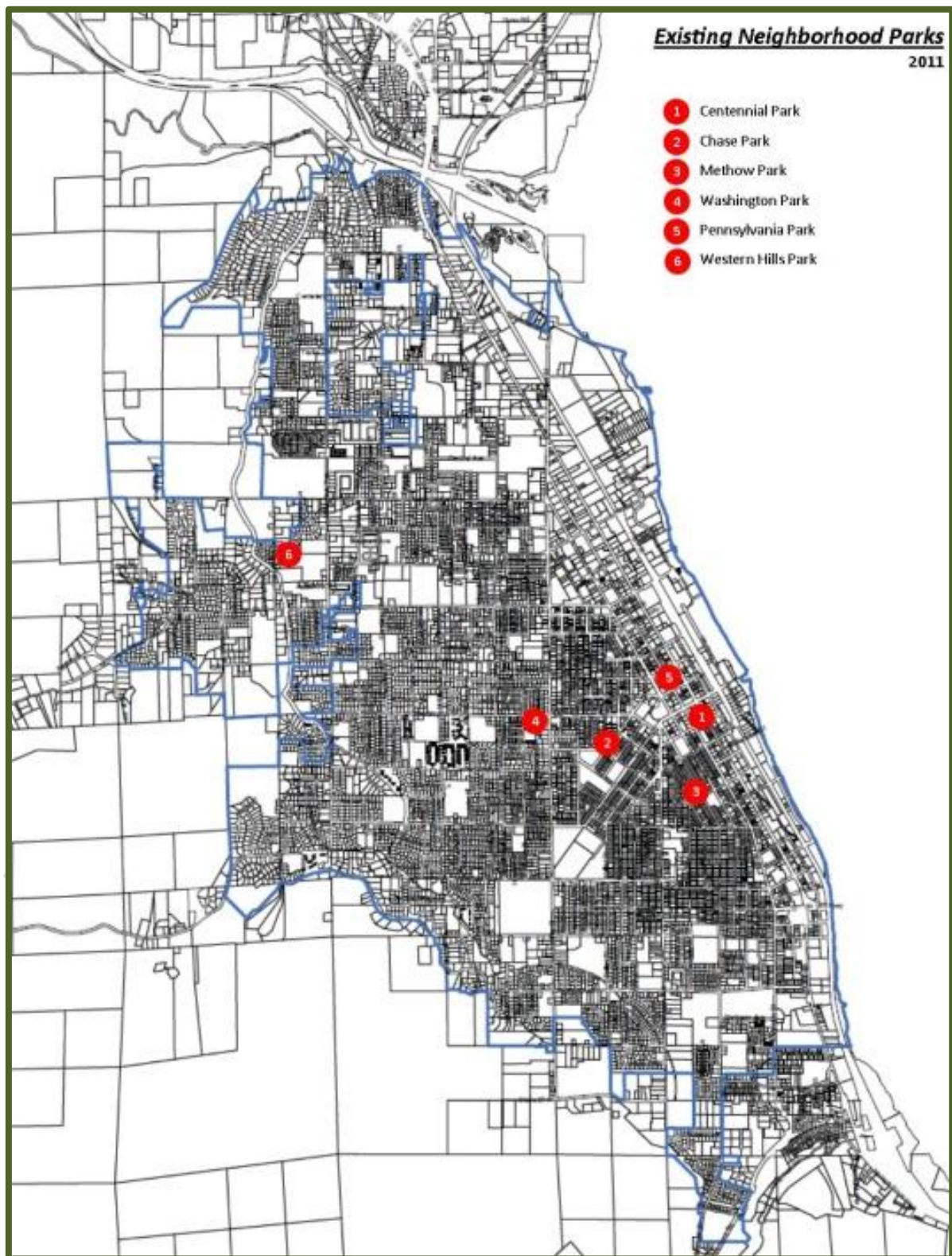
Size: 4.00 acres

Site Description: Western Hills Park adjoins John Newberry Elementary School and is an extension of the school play fields. It is a flat grassy open space.

Existing Facilities: Open turf area and backstop.



Figure 3.1.1: Existing Neighborhood Parks



3.1.2 Community Parks

Community Parks are large urban parks designed to serve as a focal point for community-wide activities and, as such are intended to provide either the facilities or intensity of activities that are appropriate in the community where noise, lighting, vehicular traffic are appropriate for the neighborhood. Community Parks often include one specific use or focal point that makes them special.

Table 3.1.2: Community Parks

COMMUNITY PARKS	
Lincoln Park	22.00
Memorial Park	3.80
Pioneer Park	7.00
Rotary Park	8.00
Wenatchi Park	9.80
Riverfront Park	26.39
Total Community Parks	76.99

The following are descriptions of City of Wenatchee owned Community Parks. Additional information may be found in the Capital Investment Plan worksheet section of this document.

Lincoln Park

Location: 1140 Mission Street

Size: 22.00 Acres

Site Description: The park is constructed over a reclaimed landfill which creates ground settling issues. The park was constructed through funding received from State IAC/RCO grants in 1969, 1971, 1999 and 2003.



Existing Facilities: The park contains: Two regulation size little league baseball fields, one T-ball field, a picnic shelter, an open field used for informal soccer practice, a stage/restroom, and children's playground. Wenatchee Youth Baseball has an exclusive use agreement that runs through the year 2013 with the City of Wenatchee for use of the fields and concession operations during the playing season.

Memorial Park

Location: 2 South Wenatchee Avenue

Size: 3.80 acres

Site Description: Memorial Park is the oldest park in Wenatchee. It was acquired during the years 1892, 1922 and 1929. It is centrally located in the community and is adjacent to the Wenatchee County Courthouse, Wenatchee Library and Apple Blossom Festival Offices.



Existing Facilities: The park is a low impact open space with historical and commemorative markers. It also features a plaza with a Civil War era cannon. The tree filled park also contains the “Mayor’s Fountain” and walking paths.

Pioneer Park

Location: 220 Fuller Street

Size: 7.00 acres

Site Description: Pioneer Park is a large and generally flat open space with mature trees. It borders Pioneer Middle School and the Apple Bowl. It is part of a larger recreation and education complex.



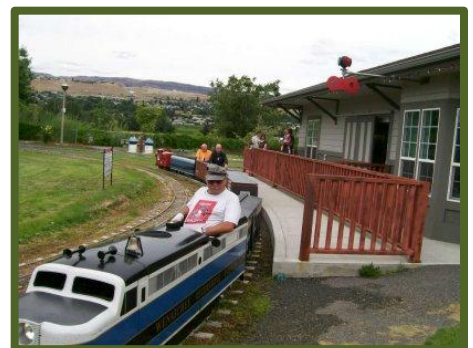
Existing Facilities: The park features a BBQ and picnic area, concrete skate spot, children’s play equipment, restroom, shade trees, and outdoor 50-meter aquatic center with 10-lane swimming pool, dive tank with 1 and 5-meter diving boards and bathhouse.

Riverfront Park

Location: 501 Fifth Street

Size: 26.39 acres

Site Description: The park is a portion of the Apple Capital Recreation Loop Trail. It blends into Linden Tree and Walla Walla Point Parks. It is owned by the City of Wenatchee and operated by the Chelan County PUD. The railroad is operated by the Wenatchee Riverfront Railway and Navigation Association.



Existing Facilities: Miniature railroad, portion of the Apple Capital Recreation Loop Trail, shade trees, boat launch, restrooms and parking.

Rotary Park

Location: 1810 Maple Street

Size: 8.00 acres

Site Description: Rotary Park was previously known as Crocker Park. Development of the sloping site was completed through the collaborative efforts of the City of Wenatchee and the Rotary Club. The park was partially funded through the receipt of RCO grants.

Existing Facilities: The park contains: Restrooms, splash pad, flag plaza, horse shoe pits, picnic shelters, basketball court, play equipment, walking trail, open grass areas and disc golf course.



Wenatchi Park

Location: 1401 McKittrick Street

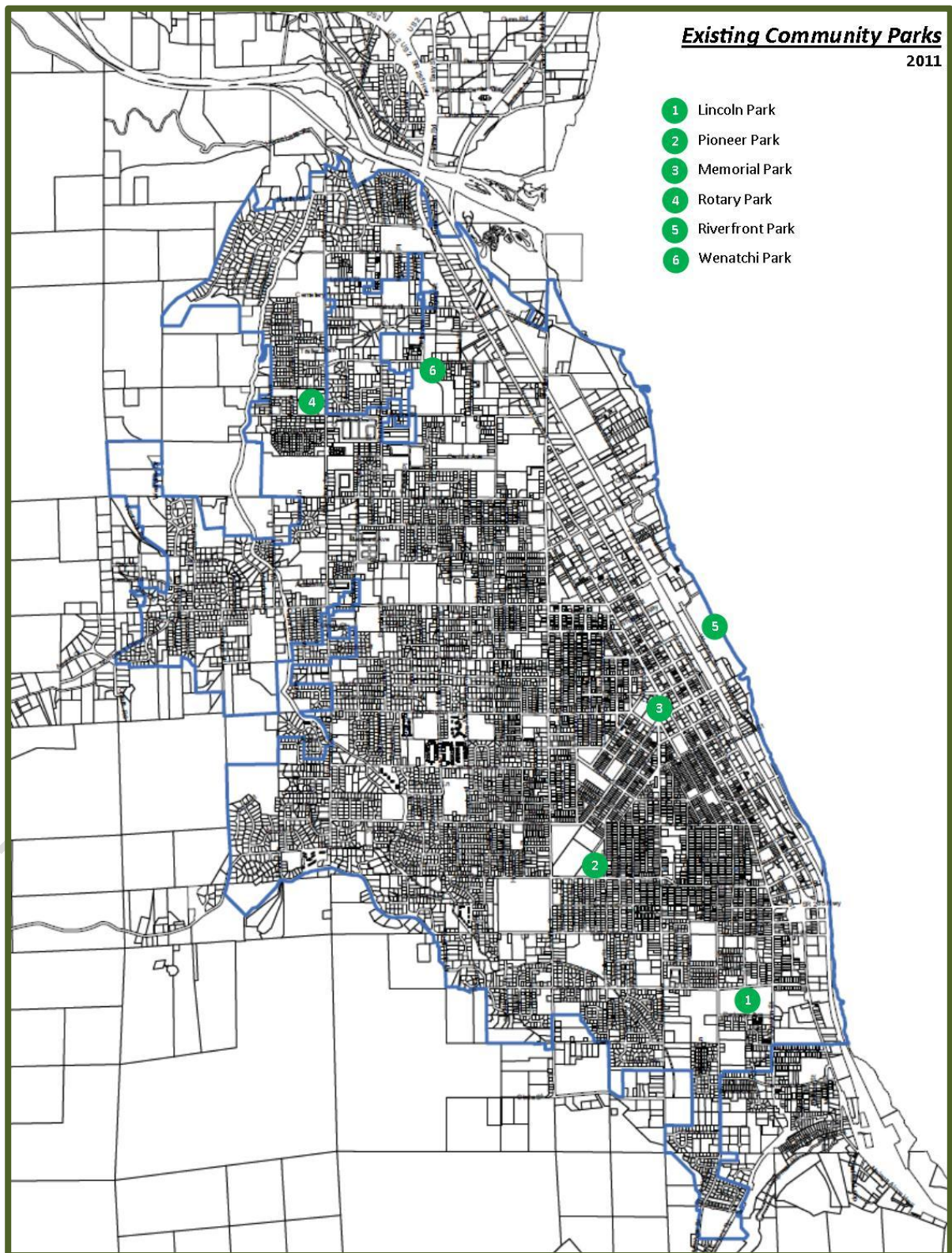
Size: 9.80 acres

Site Description: Wenatchi Park is an open grass area that is used primarily for youth soccer. The park adjoins Foothills Middle School and is also utilized by the school for physical education programs.

Existing Facilities: Open turf area for field sports and informal play.



Figure 3.1.2: Existing Community Parks



3.1.3 Regional Parks

Regional Parks are recreational areas serving the city and beyond. They are large in size with special features that are unique to the area. Typically, they serve regional resources and focus on active and passive recreation, regional trails systems, and access to statewide waters, for camping, fishing, hiking, boating, and picnicking and in some cases golf. The City of Wenatchee does not own or operate any park areas within this classification.

3.1.4 Special Use Areas

Special Use Areas are public recreation facilities used for a special purpose such as city gateways, cultural activities, historic facilities, or specialized recreation.

Table 3.1.4: Special Use Areas

SPECIAL USE AREAS	ACRES
Locomotive Park	15.00
Skyline Drive Overlook	0.80
Rainbow Park	1.37
Wenatchee Cemetery	34.00
Total Special Use Areas	51.17

The following are descriptions of City of Wenatchee owned Special Use Areas. Additional information may be found in the Capital Investment Plan worksheet section of this document.

Locomotive Park

Location: 1100 South Wenatchee Avenue

Size: 15.00 acres

Site Description: The park was acquired and developed in part by the Department of Transportation in connection with construction of the SR 285 interchange. It is generally flat with mature landscaping.

Existing Facilities: The park contains a historic locomotive display, that is maintained by the Wenatchee Historical Society, shade trees and parking area. Pathways, parking and landscaping are scheduled for renovation in 2014 as part of the George Sellar Bridge Project.



Skyline Drive Overlook

Location: 1536 Skyline Drive

Size: 0.80 acres

Site Description: This site is a small parking area located on Skyline Drive in South Wenatchee. It affords sweeping views of the City and Columbia River.

Existing Facilities: Parking area, trash receptacles.



Rainbow Park

Location: 1411 North Wenatchee Avenue

Size: 1.37 acres

Site Description: The property is a long narrow strip adjacent to North Wenatchee Avenue. The property was dedicated to the City by Wal-Mart for the placement of the entry art.

Existing Facilities: Grass and trees.



Wenatchee Cemetery

Location: 1804 North Western Avenue

Size: 34 acres

Existing Facilities: The cemetery features historical markers and mausoleums.



3.1.5 Natural Open Space Areas

Natural open space can vary in function and size, and defined as land or water left primarily in its natural state with recreation uses as a secondary objective. A network of natural open space can be comprised of wetlands, habitat areas, steep hillsides, or similar spaces. Sites are usually owned by a government agency and may or may not have public access. In some cases, environmentally sensitive areas are considered as open space while in other cases they protect and provide for placement of a unique feature.

Table 3.1.5: Natural Open Space Areas

NATURAL OPEN SPACES	ACRES
Saddle Rock	325.12
Total Natural Open Spaces	325.12

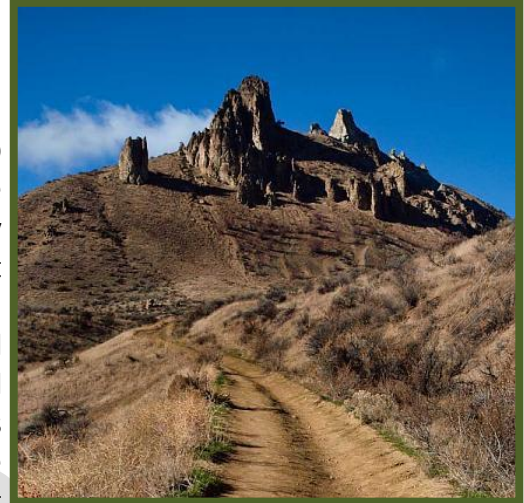
The following are descriptions of City of Wenatchee owned Natural Open Space Areas. Additional information may be found in the Capital Investment Plan worksheet section of this document.

Saddle Rock

Location: End of Circle Street

Size: 325.12 acres

Site Description: The site has a varied topography that ranges from steep cliffs to rolling hills. It is a great example of volcanic intrusion showing the highly eroded neck of an ancient, extinct volcano. The property is situated between the arid shrub-steppe desert and the wetter pine/fir forests. Plant and animal species from both ecosystems share this area, creating a unique ecosystem. There are existing mining access roads on the site which lend themselves well for non-motorized trail use.



Existing Facilities: Hiking trails and habitat areas.

3.1.6 Trails, Pathways and Bikeways

Trails, pathways and bikeways are designed to provide walking, bicycling and other non-motorized recreational opportunities. By providing linkages to other areas and facilities, they also allow non-vehicular options for travel throughout the community.

Trails

Primary Trails are intended for multiple uses, are accessible wherever possible, and are located conveniently to connect several community facilities. Secondary trails provide access for bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians, and are located to connect community facilities or neighborhoods or to provide access to primary trails.

Pathways

Improved pathways are informal connections through or between neighborhoods, and are appropriate for pedestrian, equestrian, or off-road bicycle use. Unimproved pathways are pedestrian routes of variable width dictated by natural features and use. Equestrian pathways are typically a 6 foot wide, soft surface path consisting of native soil material and overhead clearance.

Bikeway Systems

Bikeways are different than trails or pathways in that their principal focus is on safe and efficient transportation. Typical bikeway user groups would include bicycle commuters, fitness enthusiasts, and competitive athletes. Their emphasis is on speed, which can be a serious conflict with recreation-type trails and their user groups. For this reason, it is important in planning trails and bikeways that trails not be substitutes for bikeways (and vice-versa). If such dual uses cannot be avoided, it is important that the trail or bikeway be designed with more flexibility, such as for higher speeds, including passing zones and greater widths.

Table 3.1.6: Trails, Pathways and Bikeways

TRAILS, PATHWAYS and BIKEWAYS	MILES
Trails	0.59
Pathways	3.60
Bikeways	0.00
Total Trail, Pathway and Bikeways	8.30

3.1.7 Recreation Facilities

There are a number of city owned specialized recreational facilities located within the City of Wenatchee. Many of these facilities are contained within one of the park classifications. Table 3.1.7 provides a summary of the recreation facilities.

Table 3.1.7: Specialized Recreational Facilities

RECREATION FACILITY	NUMBER
Children's Play Area	7
Picnic Area	11
Water Play Area	4
Stage	2
Outdoor Basketball Hoops	4
Horseshoe Pitch	2
Disc Golf Course	1
Soccer Field	4
Youth Baseball Field	3
Outdoor Swimming Pool	1
Skate Area (spot, dot, area)	1
Historical Display	2

3.2 Non City Parks and Facilities

There are a number of other public agencies and private businesses that provide recreational opportunities to their guests, members or the general public. Areas range from the Morris Little League Complex and Apple Capital Recreation Trail to private

fitness centers. This inventory does not include facilities that are owned by individual homeowners such as swimming pools or home basketball courts.

Table 3.2 Non-City Park and Recreation Areas and Facilities

PARK CLASSIFICATION TYPE	OTHER PUBLIC ACRES	SEMI PUBLIC/PRIVATE ACRES
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK		
Wenatchee Racquet and Athletic Club	0	18.41
Sunrise Park	0	1.56
Broadview Park	0	1.80
Lewis and Clark Park	9.25	0
TOTAL	9.25	21.77
COMMUNITY PARK		
Triangle Park	8.79	0
Morris Park	0	4.58
Linden Tree Park	11.42	0
TOTAL	20.21	4.58
REGIONAL PARK		
Walla Walla Point Park	59.04	0
Confluence State Park	105.22	0
Ohme Gardens	42.30	0
TOTAL	206.56	0
NATURAL OPEN SPACE		
Horan Natural Area	97.90	0
Jacobsen Preserve	35.81	0
Homewater Property	596.69	0
Other Chelan Douglas Land Trust Holdings	107.21	0
TOTAL	837.61	0
SPECIAL USE AREAS		
Abraham Lincoln Elementary School	4.12	0
Columbia Elementary School	6.38	0
John Newberry Elementary School	9.90	0
Lewis & Clark Elementary School	3.35	0
Mission View Elementary School	9.23	0
Sunnyslope Elementary School	4.56	0
Washington Elementary School	8.15	0
Foothills Middle School	16.43	0
Orchard Middle School	3.01	0
Pioneer Middle School	3.52	0
Wenatchee High School	37.08	0
Westside High School	7.02	0
Wenatchee Valley College	43.42	0
Recreation Park	5.40	0
King's Orchard Church	0	3.69
St. Joseph's Church	0	12.53
Wenatchee Free Methodist Church	0	7.95
Seventh Day Adventist Church	0	7.10

First Assembly of God Church	0	2.34
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	0	2.87
Appleatchee Riders	0	23.60
TOTAL	161.57	60.08
SPECIALIZED FACILITY TYPE	QUANTITY	QUANTITY
Trails	4.70	0
Pathways	3.60	0
Bikeways	0	0
Baseball Field	3	0
Youth Baseball Field	4	4
Outdoor Basketball Hoops	45	7
Football Field	4	0
Picnic Area	4	4
Play Area	6	8
Horseshoe Pitch	3	0
Outdoor Pool	1	7
Sand Volleyball Court	3	0
Regulation Soccer Field	5	1
Modified Soccer Field	14	3
Softball Field	10	1
Outdoor Tennis Court	19	12
Water Play Area	0	0
Equestrian Center	0	1
Boat Launch	2	0
Campground	1	0
Multi Use Field	9	8
Indoor Pool	1	1
Recreation Center	0	1
Ice Rink	2	0
Gymnasium	12	2
Racquetball Court	0	3
Rock Climbing Wall	0	2
Indoor Tennis Court	0	4
Weight/Fitness Room	1	6
Indoor Soccer Field	0	1

3.3 Summary of All Parks and Facilities

The following table includes all parks and recreation areas and facilities located within the service area by classification.

Table 3.3 Park and Facility Summary

PARK CLASSIFICATION TYPE	CITY ACRES	OTHER PUBLIC ACRES	SEMI PUBLIC/PRIVATE ACRES	TOTAL ALL
Neighborhood Park	12.30	9.25	21.77	43.32
Community Park	76.99	20.21	4.58	101.78
Regional Park	0	206.56	0	206.56
Natural Open Space	325.12	837.61	0	1,162.73
Special Use Areas	51.17	161.57	60.08	272.82

SPECIALIZED FACILITIES	QUANTITY	QUANTITY	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Trails	0.59	4.11	0	4.70
Pathways	3.60	0	0	3.60
Bikeways	0	0	0	0.00
Baseball Field	0	3	0	3
Youth Baseball Field	3	4	4	11
Outdoor Basketball Hoops	4	45	7	56
Football Field	0	4	0	4
Picnic Area	11	4	4	19
Play Area	7	6	8	21
Horseshoe Pitch	2	3	0	5
Outdoor Pool	1	1	7	9
Sand Volleyball Court	0	3	0	3
Regulation Soccer Field	4	5	1	10
Softball Field	0	10	1	11
Outdoor Tennis Court	0	19	12	31
Water Play Area	4	0	0	4
Equestrian Center	0	0	1	1
Boat Launch	1	2	0	3
Campground	0	1	0	1
Multi Use Field	4	9	8	21
Indoor Pool	0	1	1	2
Recreation Center	0	0	1	1
Ice Rink	0	2	0	2
Gymnasium	0	12	2	14
Racquetball Court	0	0	3	3
Rock Climbing Wall	0	0	2	2
Indoor Tennis Court	0	0	4	4
Weight/Fitness Room	0	1	6	7
Indoor Soccer Field	0	0	1	1

3.4 Evaluation of Facilities

Each City of Wenatchee park and recreation facility underwent a thorough evaluation as part of the development of the 2006 Parks, Open Space and Recreation Plan. The evaluation examined elements such as access, condition of facilities, operational issues and future development potential. Evaluations were updated in 2010 and 2011 to respond to changing regulations, and conditions. Each of these park areas are contained on individual project worksheets in the Capital Investment Plan section.

3.5 City Recreation Programs

The Parks and Recreation Department coordinates a variety of recreation programs and special events throughout the community. Programs are designed to: Strengthen community image and create a sense of place; Support tourism and economic development; Foster human development and teach life skills; Promote health and wellness; Increase cultural unity; and increase a participant's self-esteem and self-reliance. Program classifications include: Athletics/Fitness, Aquatics, Outdoor

Recreation, Special Events, Special Needs Programs and Youth Recreation.

Table 3.5: Recreation Program Participation History

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
ATHLETICS/FITNESS						
Hershey Track and Field	103	108	96	111	118	124
Youth Tennis Lessons	17	42	57	66	54	36
Youth Recreation Basketball League	0	0	110	169	191	TBD
Skyhawks Basketball Camp	49	55	42	45	51	42
Skyhawks Soccer Camp	76	81	29	21	30	36
Skyhawks Mini Hawk Camp	49	39	40	24	34	25
Skyhawks Multi Sport Camp	0	0	0	0	0	25
Skyhawks Golf Camp	0	0	0	0	0	16
Women's Volleyball	0	0	62	62	100	100
Youth Volleyball Camp	0	0	0	18	0	0
AQUATICS						
Swimming Lessons	N/A	427	580	458	575	460
OUTDOOR RECREATION						
Outdoor Family Adventures	88	110	209	60	79	116
Wading Pool Program	3,938	4,000	4,200	3,531	4,594	TBD
Junior Row and Paddle Camp	0	0	0	0	0	3
Spring Break Paddle Camp	0	0	0	0	0	13
Snow Shoe Hikes For Families	0	0	0	0	0	148
SPECIAL EVENTS						
Halloween Carnival	1,200	1,500	1,500	1,700	2,300	TBD
Winter Flake Festival	1,000	1,200	1,500	1,500	1,500	TBD
Special Olympics Winter Games	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,608
Movies in the Park	625	680	850	925	900	TBD
Friday Night Concerts	1,365	1,500	1,255	2,085	2,350	TBD
Tardeadas	0	0	5,850	6,000	6,200	0
Independence Day Celebration	11,000	11,000	11,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS						
Special Needs Social Program	955	975	1,300	1,081	1,130	570
Polar Bear Plunge	0	0	0	25	50	28
Special Olympics Sports	117	125	150	168	165	121
Fall Into Fitness	0	25	25	25	30	TBD
Spring Fitness	0	0	0	0	0	19
Junior Special Olympics Day	0	0	0	0	26	0
YOUTH RECREATION						
Dog Obedience	20	10	10	0	0	0
Summer Day Camp	N/A	N/A	377	401	426	407
Indoor Playground	0	377	1,009	675	732	261
Night Court	720	2,280	1,020	16	0	0
After School Action	0	0	750	731	1,424	229
iFun	0	170	410	0	0	0
TOTAL PARTICIPATION	26,322	29,704	37,431	34,897	38,059	5,932

3.6 Program Support and Partnerships

Programs are supported through the generous donation of materials, in-kind services or financial sponsorships from individuals, businesses and organizations. These contributions are critical in the provision of recreation program activities. Over 100 organizations and businesses partner directly with the City on an annual basis for the provision of recreation programming to the community.

New opportunities to donate were established in 2011. The City partnered with the Wenatchee Valley Sports Foundation to provide an avenue for individuals or businesses to donate to specific programs or projects. The Chelan Douglas Land Trust is leading the effort to solicit and raise donations for Saddle Rock stewardship and the Foothills Trails system. A parks and recreation gift catalog is also in development which outlines specific program and facility needs.

